

The background of the entire graphic is a blue-tinted photograph of a beach. In the upper half, waves are breaking, creating white foam and sparkling water. In the lower half, the sandy beach is visible, featuring a large, flat seashell with a star-like pattern, a smaller seashell, and a small sandcastle with a flag. The entire image is framed by a thick blue border.

# **Fun Events from The Grand Strand to the Lowcountry and beyond.**

Each fall our country observes Coastweeks, a celebration of our coastal resources. Since South Carolina has some of the most beautiful beaches and wetlands, it is only natural that we have one of the largest and best Coastweeks celebrations in the nation. As you participate, we hope that you will gain an expanded appreciation of our coastal zone, learn something and above all, enjoy yourself.

## **September 20 - October 12**





# Dates

## DAILY OR VARIABLE TIME EVENTS

Fishing Offshore  
J.A.W.S. Just Art With Sharks  
Sharkfest  
Saltwater Marsh Explorer  
Adventure  
Black River Swamp Nature Preserve  
Kayaking  
Coastal Photography Contest  
(enter by Sept. 30th)

## SEPTEMBER 16

### A PRELUDE TO COAST WEEKS

Sharks: The Myths and The Mystery

## SEPTEMBER 20

Beach Sweep/River Sweep 2003  
– Statewide  
Beach Sweep/River Sweep 2003  
– Pritchards Island  
Beach Sweep 2003 – Myrtle Beach  
State Park  
Beach Sweep 2003 – Folly Beach  
Swamp Sweep XIII – Old Santee  
State Park  
Ace Basin Tour  
From Sea to Shining Sea:  
Charleston's Maritime History &  
Trade  
Kids Day America / International  
Butterfly Gardening Symposium  
Beautiful Butterflies  
Tales From the Sea

## SEPTEMBER 21

Nature Excursion Cruises: Hilton  
Head Island

## SEPTEMBER 22

Nature Excursion Cruises: Hilton  
Head Island  
Huntington Beach Salt Marsh  
Kayaking

## SEPTEMBER 24

Ace Basin Tour  
Dolphin & Nature Cruise  
Wednesday Warblers

## SEPTEMBER 25

Coastal Training Program Kickoff  
Native Americans on the Sea  
Islands

## SEPTEMBER 26

Salt Marsh Kayaking  
Dolphin & Nature Cruise  
EstuaryLive 2003

## SEPTEMBER 27

Ace Basin Tour  
Kayak for Charity  
National Estuaries Day Cruise  
Tales From the Sea

## SEPTEMBER 28

Nature Excursion Cruises: Hilton  
Head Island

## SEPTEMBER 29

Nature Excursion Cruises: Hilton  
Head Island  
Huntington Beach Salt Marsh  
Kayaking

## OCTOBER 1

Ace Basin Tour  
Wednesday Warblers  
Dolphin & Nature Cruise

## OCTOBER 2

Native Americans on the Sea  
Islands

## OCTOBER 3

Salt Marsh Kayaking  
Dolphin & Nature Cruise

## OCTOBER 4

Casting, Crabbing & Fishing  
4th Annual Pickin' in the Park  
Tales From the Sea

## OCTOBER 5

Nature Excursion Cruises: Hilton  
Head Island

## OCTOBER 6

Nature Excursion Cruises: Hilton  
Head Island

## OCTOBER 7

Fishes of North Inlet Estuary  
Huntington Beach Salt Marsh  
Kayaking

## OCTOBER 8

Dolphin & Nature Cruise

## OCTOBER 9

Native Americans on the Sea  
Islands

## OCTOBER 10

Salt Marsh Kayaking  
Dolphin & Nature Cruise  
Caw Caw Sunset/Moonrise Paddle

## OCTOBER 11

Pritchards Island Excursion  
Ace Basin Tour  
Tales from the Sea

## OCTOBER 12

Nature Excursion Cruises: Hilton  
Head Island  
Nature Tour of Bulls Island with  
Naturalist Rudy Mancke

## OCTOBER 18-19

### POST COAST WEEK EVENT

National Wildlife Refuge Week  
Celebration at Cape Romain  
National Refuge



BEAUFORT

**Salt Marsh Kayaking**  
September 26; October 3,10  
9:00 a.m.  
Hunting Island State Park

Become one with the water by joining our weekly excursion on the waters surrounding Hunting Island. No experience is necessary. This program is for ages 12 years and older. All equipment and instruction will be provided by the Kayak Farm. The cost is \$25.00 per person and reservations are required. All participants should bring drinking water and shoes that can get wet. For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437. This program is sponsored by Hunting Island State Park.

**Nature Excursion Cruises**  
September 21, 22, 28, 29; October 5, 6,12  
Call for times  
Hilton Head Island

Discover the nature around us on this six-passenger boat. Explore the marshes of Broad Creek into Calibogue Sound toward Daufuskie Island while viewing the dolphins, birds and other wildlife. The trip departs from the Old Oyster Factory and lasts two hours. Reservations are required. The cost is \$35.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children. For more information, call the Coastal Discovery Museum at (843) 689-6767.

**Beach Sweep/River Sweep 2003**  
September 20  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Pritchards Island

Come and participate in our 15th annual beach sweep. This national event kicks off the OCRM's Coast Weeks Celebration in an effort to keep our beach clean. All marine debris collected during the sweep will be added to a national database for monitoring pollution along our coasts. Volunteers should bring their own lunch and a drink. This event is for ages 7 years and older. For more information, contact Amber Von Harten at (843) 575-7432 or e-mail ambervonharten@sc.edu. Sponsored by the USC-Beaufort Center for Coastal Ecology and Pritchards Island.

**Casting, Crabbing, & Fishing**  
October 4  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Pritchards Island

Celebrate National Estuary Day by learning how to catch and eat the great coastal treats of the Low Country. Participants will try their hand at surf fishing, cast netting, seining, and learning about blue crab capture and its relationship with diamondback terrapins. The cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (ages 7-12 only). Advance registration is required. Participants should bring their own lunch and drink. Equipment for the program is provided for the day. This program is for ages 7 years and up. For more information, contact Amber Von Harten at (843) 575-7432 or e-mail ambervonharten@sc.edu. This event is sponsored by the USC-Beaufort Center for Coastal Ecology and Pritchards Island.

**Pritchards Island Excursion**  
October 11  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Pritchards Island

Learn to appreciate our unique coastal ecology. Participants can visit the University's undeveloped barrier island for the day to lie in the sun, play in the surf, and walk the island with a naturalist to explore the dynamics of a barrier island ecosystem. The program is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (ages 7-12 only). Participants should bring their own lunch, drink, comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen and bug spray. For more information, contact Amber Von Harten at (843) 575-7432 or e-mail ambervonharten@sc.edu. This program is sponsored by the USC-Beaufort Center for Coastal Ecology and Pritchards Island.

**Ace Basin Tour**  
September 20, 24, 27; October 1, 11  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Coosaw Island

Enjoy a comfortable ride aboard a 38-foot, 40-passenger covered pontoon boat through the beautiful Ace Basin. See dolphins, alligators, eagles, osprey, raccoons, minks, otters, deer and the wide array of bird-life that makes the ACE Basin home. Reservations are required. This three-hour boat trip is twenty-five miles round trip and open to all ages. The tour is \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children (12 and under). For more information, contact Captain Stan Lawson at (843) 521-3099; or toll free at (866) 521-3099, or visit the Web site at http://www.acebasintours.com.

**Fishing Offshore**  
September 20 - October 12  
6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Port Royal Landing Marina

Bring the family and enjoy a day of offshore fishing aboard a 35-foot Powercat with lots of room for fishing. You can experience trolling and bottom fishing for King and Black Sea bass, Spanish mackerel, and other fish in the Gulf Stream. All equipment is provided, and the captain will even clean your fish! Participants must be 7 years old or older and wear boat shoes. Everyone should bring food, drinks and sunscreen. For more information, call Captain Wally at (843) 525-1174 or visit the Web site at http://www.seawolfcharter.com.

**Dolphin & Nature Cruise**  
September 24, 26; October 1, 3, 8,10  
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Hilton Head Island

Cruise through the waters of Broad Creek toward Calibogue Sound while discussing the history and wildlife of the area, such as dolphins and a variety of wading birds. Reservations are required. The cruise is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children and departs from the Broad Creek Marina. For more information, contact the Coastal Discovery Museum at (843) 689-6767.

**Native Americans on the Sea Islands**  
September 25; October 2, 9  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Hilton Head Island

The tour traces thousands of years of Native American occupation in sites on Hilton Head Island. It also highlights the Mississippian site of Green's Shell Enclosure. The site tour is preceded by a hands-on lecture at the Museum featuring fiber-tempered pottery, as well as lifestyles and implements of these early residents. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, contact The Coastal Discovery Museum at (843) 689-6767.

**Kayak For Charity**  
October 27  
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Hilton Head Island

Kayak for Charity is open to anyone age 3 or older who wants to paddle and have a great time for a great cause! The event is designed as a fun and challenging team event, as well as an individual challenge for avid paddlers. Outside Hilton Head and Volunteers in Medicine sponsor this event and all proceeds benefit Volunteers in Medicine. The day concludes with a party, prize giveaway and silent auction. For more information, contact Margo Hafer at (800) 686-6996.

CHARLESTON COUNTY

**From Sea to Shining Sea: Charleston's Maritime History and Trade**  
September 20  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Charles Towne Landing

Learn about the significance of the connections between Charles Towne and the Caribbean. Park interpreters, historians and college professors will take an academic look at Charleston's Maritime history and trade. The Charles Towne Landing state historic site sponsors this event for those age 18 or older. Advance registration is required. For more information, contact Carol Ezell at (843) 852-4200.

**Kids Day America / International**  
September 20  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
West Ashley Park

Join us for a fun and educational day in the park. Stations will be set up throughout West Ashley Park so that children and their parents can learn about health, safety and environmental awareness. This event is open to all ages. For more information, contact Dr. Jesse B. Ross at (843) 766-4444. This event is sponsored by the City of Charleston Recreation department and Kids Day America / International.

**J.A.W.S. Just Art with Sharks**  
September 20 - October 12  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (throughout the day)  
South Carolina Aquarium

The South Carolina Aquarium presents a dynamic art show featuring sharks, one of nature's most misunderstood creatures. Over thirty works of art will be on display throughout the aquarium. Visitors can vote for their favorite! This event is included in the entrance fee for the aquarium. For more information, call the S.C. Aquarium Customer Service Center at (843) 579-8600 or (800) 722-6455.

**Sharkfest**  
September 20 - October 12  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (throughout the day)  
South Carolina Aquarium

Visit the South Carolina Aquarium for programs about otters, marine life and those most misunderstood coastal residents, sharks. The program is included in the entrance fee for the aquarium. For program schedules, call the S.C. Aquarium Service Center at (843) 579-8600 or (800) 722-6455, or visit www.scaquarium.org.

**Sharks: The Myths and the Mystery**  
September 16  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
South Carolina Aquarium

Learn the common misconceptions about sharks and why they attack. George Burgess, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research and keeper of the national shark attack file, will unlock the mysteries behind this powerful creature. Hear first-hand why sharks are an important part of our ocean's ecology. This program, sponsored by the South Carolina Aquarium, is intended for those 13 years and older and reservations are required. The presentation is free for S.C. Aquarium members and \$10.00 for non-members. For more information, contact the S.C. Aquarium Customer Service Center at (843) 579-8600 or (800) 722-6455.

**Nature Tour of Bulls Island with Naturalist Rudy Mancke**  
October 12  
9:00 & 11:00  
Cape Romain National Refuge

Join Rudy Mancke, long-time ETV NatureScene host, for a personal tour of the barrier island on Cape Romain National Refuge in celebration of National Wildlife Refuge week. This fund-raiser, sponsored by the Seewee Association, contributes to environmental education supplies and includes a catered lunch. Call Becky Ashley or Tricia Lynch at (843) 928-3368 to sign-up or for more information.

**National Wildlife Refuge Week Celebration**  
October 18 & 19  
Call for Times  
Cape Romain National Refuge

We welcome you to visit Cape Romain Natural Refuge. Call the Seewee Visitor & Environmental Education Center at (843) 928-3368 for registration and fee information, as well as how to arrange guided bird walks and visits to the lighthouse. This event is sponsored by the Seewee Visitor & Environmental Education Center.

**Beach Sweep 2003**  
September 20  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Folly Beach

Join other beach lovers for a fun day of service and learning. Get an up-close look at a barrier island by helping to sweep clean the Coast Guard station and the shores of Folly Beach. Help improve air quality by carpooling with us. Charleston County Parks and Recreation Department sponsors this event for those age 6 and older. Participants will meet at the headquarters. For more information, contact Ashley Mullis or Suzi Gourdy at (843) 762-2172.

**Caw Caw Sunset/Moonrise Paddle**  
October 10  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Witness the sun slip below the trees of Caw Caw Swamp, followed by the moonrise over Tea Farm Creek, when you join us for an interpretive paddle of Caw Caw Swamp at dusk. Registration is required by October 6. Charleston County Parks and Recreation Department sponsors this event for those age 9 or older. The cost is \$15.00 for Charleston County residents and \$22.50 for non-residents. Participants will meet at Charleston County Parks and Recreation Headquarters. For registration information, contact Ashley Mullis or Suzi Gourdy at (843) 762-2172.

BERKELEY COUNTY

**Butterfly Gardening Symposium**  
September 20  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Cypress Gardens

Hear speakers cover topics such as butterfly gardening, photography and the rearing of moths and butterflies. Take a guided butterfly walk. The Carolina Butterfly Society and Cypress Gardens sponsors this event for those 13 and older. The admission fee of \$15.00 per person includes a box lunch. Reservations are required. For more information, contact Dwight Williams at (843) 553-0515.

**4th Annual Pickin' in the Park**  
October 4  
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Old Santee Canal Park

Come to the park to hear some foot stompin', hand clappin' bluegrass. Enjoy some good eats and drinks (sorry, no coolers) while you listen to an afternoon of good old-fashioned finger-pickin' music. The Old Santee Canal Park sponsors this all-ages event at 900 Stony Landing Road in Moncks Corner. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. For more information, contact Mary S. Bell at (843) 899-5200.

**Beautiful Butterflies**  
September 20  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Old Santee Canal Park

Reap the benefits of our ideal climate and habitat for both resident and migratory butterflies as you enjoy these beautiful insects. Learn about butterfly gardening while you view various species of butterflies and the plants that attract them. The Old Santee Canal Park sponsors this all-ages event at 900 Stony Landing Road in Moncks Corner. For more information, contact Mary S. Bell at (843) 899-5200.

**Swamp Sweep XIII**  
September 20  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Old Santee Canal Park

Help us keep our creeks and swamps clean by joining in the annual Beach Sweep/River Sweep at Biggins Creek. We will have fun paddling canoes through the swamp - cleaning as we go! This event, sponsored by the Old Santee Canal Park, is for those 10 years or older. Participants should bring a dip net, a sack lunch and some drinkable water. Everyone must either bring a life jacket or use one of ours. Advance registration is required. For more information, contact Mary S. Bell at (843) 899-5200.

COLLETON COUNTY

**EstuaryLive 2003**  
September 26  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve and North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will co-host a live Internet broadcast. The broadcast, from the North Inlet-Winyah Bay salt marsh boardwalk and nearby laboratory facilities near Hobcaw Barony in Georgetown County, will focus on watershed awareness and the work being done to help protect our coastal environments. The ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve in Colleton County will be featured during our session, while other live sites across the country will be broadcasting as well throughout September 25 and 26. Log on to www.estuarylive.org to watch the broadcasts, sign up to submit questions live via the Internet, and learn more about our nation's estuaries. For more information, contact Education Coordinator Beth Thomas, at (843) 546-6219.

**National Estuaries Day Cruise**  
September 27  
First cruise: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Second cruise: 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

In celebration of National Estuaries Day, the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve will offer two cruises through the ACE Basin on Saturday September 27. Cruises will tour of the ACE Basin aboard the Department of Natural Resources catamaran, Discovery, and uncover a collection of marine and estuarine animals via a trawl net. We'll give away posters and other freebies! Reservations are required by Friday, September 19, for the free cruises. Space is limited to 20 people per cruise who must be 10 or older. Contact Elizabeth Vernon, ACE Basin education coordinator at (843) 953-9359 or vernone@mrddnr.state.sc.us to reserve your spot.

GEORGETOWN COUNTY

**Coastal Training Program Kickoff**  
September 25  
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

The North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will host a kickoff event to introduce its Coastal Training Program to coastal decision makers. Local government officials, planners, resource managers and conservationists will be introduced to the Coastal Training Program's training capabilities and will preview the agenda for one of the program's first training events. For more information, call Jeff Pollack, Coastal Training Program coordinator, at (843) 546-6219 or e-mail jeffrey@belle.baruch.sc.edu.

**Fishes of North Inlet Estuary**  
October 7  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Join scientists from the North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve for a program highlighting the importance of North Inlet estuary as a nursery ground for both resident and transient species of fish. Participants will assist researchers in sorting and measuring the collection of fish, crabs and shrimp as part of a long-term research project. A brief tour of the marine laboratory facilities will be followed by a short presentation. Space is limited for this free program, so make your reservations early! You may call the Reserve at (843) 546-6219 to register.

**Saltwater Marsh Explorer Adventure**  
September 20 - October 12  
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Murrells Inlet

Discover the amazing array of animals, birds, marine life and plants that are nature's best example of a complete ecosystem. A marine biologist will guide this two and one-half hour interactive boat journey. The specimens will be collected with nets and dredges, and then placed into onboard touch tanks where they can be closely observed. They may sometimes even be touched or held. The tour also includes a fishing demonstration and a beach walk along a barrier island not accessible by car. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, tennis shoes or dockers, as well as a small bag for any collected shells. The tour is \$18.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students, children or seniors. Reservations are required. For more information, contact Lyn Smith at (843) 651-3676 or go to www.capticks.com.

**Huntington Beach Salt Marsh Kayaking**  
September 22, 29 and October 7  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Murrells Inlet

Paddle through spartina grass creeks around mysterious Drunken Jack Island to the sandy strand of historic Magnolia Beach. Watch sea turtles and shore birds as they feed, and see alligators basking in the fresh water lagoon that leads to Atalaya Castle. Moderate physical ability, but no prior kayaking experience, is necessary to participate. This experience is \$25.00 per person and advance reservations are required. For more information, contact Huntington Beach State Park at (843) 235-8755.

**Black River Swamp Nature Preserve Kayaking**  
For date and time check www.BlackRiverOutdoors.com  
Georgetown

Paddle a kayak deep into the tupelo-cypress swamps fed by the dark waters of the Black River. Explore remote beaver ponds and land on hidden islands where few humans have ever stepped. Watch for swamp canaries, cooter turtles and arboreal orchids. Moderate physical ability, but no prior kayaking experience, is necessary to participate. Advance reservations are required. The trip is \$45.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children under the age of 13 (with a parent). For more information, contact Black Rivers Outdoors Center at (843) 546-4840.

HORRY COUNTY

**Beach Sweep 2003**  
September 20  
9:00 a.m. - Noon  
Myrtle Beach State Park

Many people enjoy the beauty of the beach. Unfortunately, an increase in visitors often results in more pollution. Become a part of the solution by joining volunteers around the state and nation in this annual event as we "sweep" our beaches clean. This event is for ages 7 years and older. Volunteers should meet at Myrtle Beach State Park shelter B2. Drinks will be provided, but be sure to bring your own sunscreen. For more information, contact Ann Mays Wilson at (843) 238-0874.

**Wednesday Warblers**  
September 24  
October 1  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Myrtle Beach State Park

The fall migration is underway and the maritime forest of the park will come alive with the vibrant colors of warblers, orioles and vireos. Enjoy a stroll through our park as we search for our feathered friends. Participants should meet at the nature center and bring a pair of binoculars. You can purchase a pair of binoculars from the state park for a donation of one dollar. Myrtle Beach State Park sponsors this event for those 7 years and older. The event is free with park admission of \$3.00 per

person; children under 16 are admitted at no charge. For more information, contact Ann Mays Wilson at (843) 238-0874.

**Tales from the Sea**  
September 20, 27 and October 4, 11  
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.  
Myrtle Beach State Park

You'll be amazed at the variety of sea life that lives in the ocean just beyond our fishing pier. Learn about and touch sea urchins, sea stars, snails, crabs and other strange sea life. Meet at the nature center. Myrtle Beach State Park sponsors this event for those 7 years and older. The event is free with park admission of \$3.00 per person; children under 16 are admitted at no charge. For more information, contact Ann Mays Wilson at (843) 238-0874.

STATEWIDE

**Beach Sweep/River Sweep**  
September 20  
9:00 a.m. - Noon  
Statewide

Beach Sweep/River Sweep is South Carolina's largest, volunteer-driven litter cleanup of our beaches and waterways. Help us help the environment by getting involved! Last year, over 59 tons of debris were collected, but there is more to be done. The Sweep is sponsored statewide by S.C. Sea Grant Consortium and the S.C. Department of Natural Resources and is open to all ages. All necessary supplies are provided, and participants are encouraged to recycle collected debris. To volunteer, contact Susan Ferris, coastal coordinator at (843) 727-2078; Bobbie Adams, inland coordinator at (803) 734-9108; or the local site captain. A list of local site captains on the coast is available at www.sceagrants.org/education by clicking on Beach Sweep/River Sweep.

Coastal Photography Contest

SC DHEC Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management  
Statewide Contest - Entry is Free!  
**DEADLINE TO ENTER: SEPTEMBER 30**

Photographers of all ages and degrees of expertise are invited to enter the annual contest sponsored by DHEC's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. Photos must be of coastal South Carolina scenes and appropriate as an illustration for a tide chart. Photographs must be original, non-published photos. Color photos, CDs with image sheets, and slides are acceptable methods of submission. There is a limit of five submissions per person. Horizontal, or landscape, orientation is required. The winner will receive \$200. Their photo will grace 28,000 copies of the agency's annual tide table poster. For more information contact Linda Brechko at (843) 744-5838. Mail your photos to:

Coastal Photo Contest  
c/o SC DHEC OCRM  
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400  
Charleston, SC 29405



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